

God Is Looking for a Spotless Bride

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39 (New King James Version)

²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the **Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.**

²⁷ And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city **who had demons for a long time.** And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!”

²⁹ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and **was driven by the demon into the wilderness.**

³⁰ Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?”

And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him.

³¹ And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

³² Now a **herd of many swine** was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

³³ Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ When **those who fed them saw what had happened,** they **fled and told it in the city and in the country.**

³⁵ Then they went out to see what had happened, and **came to Jesus,** and **found the man from whom the demons had departed,** sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And **they were afraid.**

³⁶ **They also who had seen it told them by what means** he who had been demon-possessed **was healed.**

³⁷ Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to **depart from them,** for they were seized with **great fear.** And He got into the boat and returned.

³⁸ Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

³⁹ “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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I. Gadarenes vs. Galilee (Luke 8:26)

A. Galilee Meaning

1. In Greek from Hebrew
 - a. Rolling, turning, rolling energy, a circle, a ring
2. Metaphysical Definition
 - a. Energy of life; life activity; soul energy
3. Symbolic Meaning
 - a. Jesus's entry into Galilee
 - 1) The increased spiritual activity
 - 2) Activation of Truth into the subconscious mind
 - 3) Source of all energy
 - b. Galilee's mountain association
 - 1) High consciousness of life
 - 2) Symbolic to the "Kingdom of Heaven"
 - 3) Disciples represent man's faculties (power, capability, and substance) – purpose is to allow others see their own faculties within them in relation to the Kingdom of God.

B. Gadarenes Meaning

1. In Greek from Hebrew
 - a. Gadara = walled
 - b. Gad = fortune; abundance; organized division
 - c. Gadarene = fortunate; organized; assembled; fortified
2. Metaphysical Definition
 - a. Strongly organized thoughts of energy and power in the subconscious realm of mind in man.
 - 1) Freedom from carnality = beneficial thoughts
 - 2) Bound to carnality = destructive/violent thoughts
3. Symbolic Meaning
 - a. Jesus's entry into Gadarenes
 - 1) Cleansing of unruly, demonic thoughts
 - 2) Mind renewal or cleansing

C. Contrasts

1. Movement vs. Restriction
2. Freedom vs. Striving

II. Understanding Demonic Deliverance (Luke 8:27-31)

A. Demons approach anointed people (v. 27)

1. He *was met* by a man from the city who was possessed with demons.

B. Demonic torment has a lasting impact on the terrorized (v. 27)

1. For a *long time*, he had worn no clothes, and was not living in a house, but among the tombs.

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- C. Demons control the mind and senses of the individual (v. 28)
 - 1. Seeing Jesus, he **cried out** and **fell down** before Him, and **shouted loudly**...
- D. Demons isolate their victims (v. 29)
 - 1. But he would break the bonds and **be driven by the demon into the desert**.
- E. Importance
 - 1. Luke 9:2 “Then He sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God and to **perform healings**.”
 - 2. Luke 10:8-9 “Whenever you go into a city and they welcome you, eat what is set before you,⁹ and **heal those who are sick** and say to them, ‘the Kingdom of God has come near to you.’”
 - 3. Luke 10:17, 19 “The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the **demons are subject to us in Your name**....¹⁹ Listen carefully: **I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions**, and over **all the power of the enemy**; and nothing will harm you.’”
 - 4. John 14:12 “I assure you and most solemnly say to you, **anyone who believes in Me will also do the things that I do**; and **he will do even greater things** that these because I am going to the Father.”

III. Having Swine-Like Characteristics (Luke 8:34-37)

- A. Important scriptures on swine
 - 1. Swine as unclean
 - a. Lev. 11:7 “And the swine, because it divides the hoof and makes **a split hoof** but **does not chew the cud**; it is unclean to you.”
 - 1) Split hoof = symbolically indicates a split or crooked walk
 - 2) Chewing cud = healthy and comfortable herd and digestive system
 - b. Isaiah 66:3 “He who offers a grain offering, as one who offers swine’s blood...such people have chosen their own ways, and **their soul delights in their repulsive acts**.”
 - c. Isaiah 66:17 “Those who sanctify and cleanse themselves to go to the gardens, following after one in the center, **who eat swine’s flesh**, detestable things and mice, will come to an end together,” says the Lord.
- B. Swine spiritual characteristics
 - 1. Habitual living in filth (swamp-like or muddy conditions)
 - 2. Perceptive and intelligent (great memory)
 - 3. Playful (due to intelligence)
 - 4. Social
 - 5. Consume (omnivores and eat anything – roots, fruit, rodents, and small reptiles); farm pigs eat slop (vegetable peels, fruit rinds, and other leftover food)
- C. Swine herdsmen (v. 34)
 - 1. Looked at the issue (losing business) and not the miracle.

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2. Realized their investors will be upset (man over God)
3. Disperse negativity than positivity.

IV. Implications

- A. Contrast of an anointed and swine-like person
 1. Move or restricted?
 2. Free or striving?
 3. Pure or filthy?
 4. Christ-minded or carnal-minded
- B. Do you have swine-like characteristics in your life?
- C. Do you overlook miracles and see flaws instead?
- D. Do you speak with negativity over blessing?
- E. Are you spotless?
 1. Eph. 5:27 – That He might present it to himself *a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*
 2. 2 Cor. 11:2 – For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as *a chaste virgin to Christ.*
 3. Rev. 19:7 – Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and *his wife hath made herself ready.*

V. End Times

- A. Prophet Bob Jones: Billion Soul Harvest and Kansas City Chiefs
- B. Rapture Dream